

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A portable display apparatus comprising:

a main body substantially in the form of a rectangular solid and having a main surface, and a cover that has one surface facing the main body and having substantially the same dimensions as those of the main surface of the main body,

wherein the cover has a support portion and a display portion arranged along a longitudinal direction thereof, and

the support portion is coupled to the main body at a position apart from the center along the longitudinal direction thereof ~~such that the support portion is pivotable around a first axis, through a the first axis that is being~~ perpendicular to the main surface of the main body, and ~~pivotable around the first axis on the main surface of the main body, and~~

the display portion has arranged thereon a display panel facing the main body, and is coupled to the support portion through ~~such that the display portion is pivotable around a second axis, the second axis being that is~~ perpendicular to the first axis, and ~~pivotable around the second axis,~~

wherein ~~upon rotation of the support portion approximately 90 degrees around the first axis the second axis is along a longitudinal edge of the support portion, and~~ the display portion is rotatable separate from the support portion ~~approximately 180 degrees around the second axis,~~

wherein the cover is temporarily tightened upon rotation of the cover ~~approximately 90 degrees around the first axis,~~

wherein the main body has a depression formed therein, the depression adapted to support at least one button ~~such that the at least one button does not protrude from the main body~~ and such that the at least one button is covered by the cover when the cover is in a closed position and such that the at least one button is used to change or select information displayed on the display panel,

wherein one end of the main body along the longitudinal direction coupled to the support portion and corresponding one end of the support portion are formed into round shape, and the first axis is located at substantially the center of the rounded portion,

wherein the end of the rounded portion of the support portion has a slight protrusion and arranged thereon an operation unit that controls displaying data on the display panel,

wherein the operation unit is biased toward the center of the rotatable range, and is returned to the center when released from a finger after being pivoted slightly.

2. (Original) The portable display apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the display panel has its aspect ratio set to be 16 : 9, and the longitudinal direction of the display panel corresponds to the longitudinal direction of the main body before being pivoted.

3. (Original) The portable display apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the display panel displays data stored in a semiconductor storage medium.

4. (Original) The portable display apparatus as set forth in Claim 3, wherein the semiconductor storage medium is a detachable memory card.

5. (Currently Amended) The portable display apparatus as set forth in Claim 4, wherein at least one ~~end-side~~ of the main body ~~along the longitudinal direction~~ has formed thereat an insertion slot into which the memory card is inserted.

6 - 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The portable display apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the second axis is arranged at one side of the cover corresponding to the pivot direction around the first axis.

9. (Original) The portable display apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the second axis is interlocked with a power switch of the portable display apparatus, and the power switch is turned on when the display portion rotates more than a predetermined angle.

10. (Original) The portable display apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the main surface of the main body has formed thereon a track pad that is a planate pointing device.

11. (Original) The portable display apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein one side of the main body corresponding to the pivot direction around the first axis has arranged thereon an operation unit that controls displaying data on the display panel.

12. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic device comprising:
a first body through which a first rotational axis extends, the first rotational axis being perpendicular to the first body,

a second body connected to the first body at the point on the first body through which the first rotational axis extends, said second body including a first portion and a second portion arranged along a longitudinal direction thereof, and further comprising a second rotational axis, said second rotational axis being perpendicular to the first rotational axis and along one edge of the first portion of said second body,

wherein the second portion of said second body is rotatable, separate from the first portion, about the second rotational axis ~~through an arc of at least 180 degrees~~, and wherein said entire second body is rotatable about the first axis ~~through an arc of at least 90 degrees~~ away from the first body,

wherein the first body has a depression formed therein, the depression adapted to support at least one button ~~such that the at least one button does not protrude from the first body~~ and such that the at least one button is covered by the second body ~~upon rotation of the second body approximately 0 degree around the first axis~~ and such that the at least one button is used to change or select information displayed on a display panel attached to an inner surface of the second portion of said second body in a closed position,

~~wherein the second body is temporarily tightened upon rotation of the second body approximately 90 degrees around the first axis~~ wherein one end of the first body along the longitudinal direction coupled to the first portion of the second body and corresponding one end of the first portion of the second body are formed into round shape, and the first axis is located at substantially the center of the rounded portion,

wherein the end of the rounded portion of the first portion of the second body has a slight protrusion and arranged thereon an operation unit that controls displaying data on the display panel,

wherein the operation unit is biased toward the center of the rotatable range, and is returned to the center when released from a finger after being pivoted slightly.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of claim 12, wherein one of the first or second bodies includes a display.

16. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of claim 12, wherein one of the first or second bodies includes a key pad.

17. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of claim 12, wherein one of the first or second bodies includes a track pad.

18. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of claim 12, wherein one of

(Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of claim 12, wherein the second rotational axis is interlocked with a power switch of the portable electronic device, and the power switch is turned on when the second portion of the second body rotates more than a predetermined angle.

20. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of claim 12, wherein the device is a cellular telephone.

21. (Previously Presented) The portable electronic device of claim 12, wherein the device is a portable dictionary.